



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

March 2007

MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School has been developed to provide Montana Youth with useful equine information and skill development. The goals are to increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience. The date for this year's school will be June 25-June 29, 2007 and the cost is \$290 per student (Includes lodging, meals, and stalls). **Only the first 50 students will be admitted to the 2007 Youth Horsemanship School. Because of the popularity of the School, it will probably fill up quickly. We advise that if you are interested in attending, to send in your application and registration fee as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office for application.**

Scholarships Available: The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leader's Council is providing scholarships for 4-H members wanting to attend the Youth Horsemanship School. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications received. To apply, please write a letter detailing why you want to attend the camp and submit your letter to the 4-H office by April 11th.

Public Presentation Day 2007 Encourage Your Club Members to Participate

Public Presentation Day (Demo Day) is an opportunity for 4-H members to present to an audience an aspect of what they have learned in 4-H. Speeches or demonstrations can be as short as 5 minutes plus questions. 4-Hers may present any area of their 4-H experience and will have a small audience including one or two judges.

This year's date is set for April 10, 2007 for 14 year old and up and April 12, 2007 for 13 year old & under at the Belgrade Middle School at 5:30 PM-8 PM. Presentations spots are available every 15 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. A short awards ceremony will be held immediately following the presentations and prizes will be given to participants and the club with the greatest percentage of members competing.

There are several divisions for presenters. Cloverbuds may participate in the 6-8 year old group, but are not judged or placed. Members who are 9-10 years old have two brackets in which to enter. Those giving their first ever demonstration at the county level will be judged separately than those giving their second demonstration.

The next age division is for 11-13 year olds. At this level, presenters have their choice of doing a speech or giving a demonstration. Experienced presenters are again separated from those with no experience.

Older teens, 14-19 years old, may also choose to delivery either a speech or demonstration which should be anywhere between 7 to 20 minutes long. The first place winner receives an all expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress where they may compete at the state level.

The experience young people receive from this event is tremendous. They become more confident, learn communication skills, and discover were they can improve. The entry form for this event is inserted in this newsletter. More are available in the Extension Office by calling 388-3213. You may reserve your time slot over the phone.



Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2007.



Beef Project

Beef weigh-in April 22, 1:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Fitting workshop for beef breeding & market will be held May 5 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena. We will offer two sessions for your convenience, please plan on attending one. The morning session will run from 9 a.m. to 12:00, the afternoon session will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact either JD at 539-0404 or Lexi at 321-1542.

Crochet, Embroidery, and Knitting Project

We will meet in the Conference room of Rocky Mountain Supply on Thursday, March 08, 2007 at 6:30 pm. We will continue working on your Fair projects. Please bring all your supplies with you. If you are still in need suggestions on patterns or materials, or have any questions, please contact Kelley at cksrabbitry@bresnan.net, or call her at 599-1454.

Foods

We are going to try something a little different this year and have 4-H foods on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights: Mondays at 6:15, Wednesdays at 5:15 and Fridays at 4:00 – 6:00. Parents can choose **any 1 of these times** to come. We will go until the first week of May. Each night will have two instructors; one will be doing more advanced foods and one doing more simple foods. We are covering appetizers to desserts and everything in between with a community service project and family dinner night celebration. There will be a charge \$25 for the full 10 weeks which is payable in full at the first meeting. If this is a financial hardship, scholarships are available to help cover the cost. Contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 for more details. This is a really good bargain for 2 hours of instruction and food for only \$2.50. We will not have class the week of March 12th, March 19th or April 9th.

Horse

HORSE COMMITTEE INFO: Horse Committee Members: Shannon Brooks, 388-0886; Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Barb Barber 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624; Edie Baker, 285-3657

Next Meeting for the Horse Committee will be Monday, March 12th @ 6:30 p.m. Kountry Korner Café

GAMES ON HORSES: Play Day for all ages. The Gallatin Polo Club will be having a Fun Day on Saturday, March 24th at Circle L Arena. Lots of games and lots of fun. Bring the whole family and see if Mom & Dad would like to participate. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. There will be cash payback for prizes. For more information call Shannon Brooks at 581-7478.

Horsemanship:

The horse committee is putting on a horsemanship clinic March 3 at the Fairgrounds. Katie and Jeff Cooper will be teaching this clinic. For more information and to pre-register with the Cooper's by calling 388-1624.

Horse Judging: Workshop - March 13 at 7:00 pm with Mike Cavey, formerly 4-H Youth Development Specialist at MSU. **Clinic** – March 22 at 5:30 pm at Miller Stock Pavilion with Andi Shockley and MSU Intercollegiate team riders. For more information contact Barb Brewster at 587-1196.

Reining Ranch Clinic: March 10th from 9:00-1:00 at Kountz Arena, Levels 4 & up, clinic with Mike Hoffman. Pre-register with Misty Radue at 388-6655 by March 5th. There will be a \$10.00 charge for this clinic to cover expenses.

Equitation Clinic: MSU Show Team along with the Junior Leaders will be putting on a Equitation Clinic on April 21st. More information next month.

Mark your calendars for the 2007 Clinics scheduled to date:

- April 15 - Tri Workshop - Fairgrounds
- April 28 - Gaming Workshop (Playday) - Fairgrounds
- May 5 - English / Western Clinic - Fairgrounds
- May 20 - Pre Fair - Circle L Arena
- June 7 - Record Books - Sale Barn - Fairgrounds
- June 16 - 17 - MSHSA Horse Show - Open to all - Fairgrounds

The Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club will be holding their Winter Wooly Horse Show on March 23th. For more information, call Bill Sowa at 222-7507.

Livestock Judging Circuit Schedule

If you are interested in participating in any livestock judging workshops that would be held at Headwaters Livestock, contact Nancy at 587-4531 and she will plan some (if there is enough interest).

The following dates for livestock judging are planned so far:

Hysham – Redlands Memorial – March 17 call Rosebud Extension at 346-7320

Helena – April 15th – Register at 9:00 a.m. more info to follow.

Chinook - June 15th Big Timber – June 23 Livingston - June 24



Photography

The photography meeting will be Thursday, March 22 at the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. Beginners meeting will be at 6:30, advanced will be at 7:30. Remember, we're shooting in black & white!! Bring past photos, if you have none come anyway!! Any questions call Kathy 388-3159 See you there!

Pig Project

We are in the beginning planning stages for the pig pool. If you plan on obtaining your pig from the pig pool, please contact Sandy at 388-6900 and let her know how many you will need. This will enable us to have enough pigs for everyone needing one.

Poultry Project

Poultry members can bring their chickens to Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply on Saturday, March 17th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Let's show people what those cute little chicks grow up to look like.

Rabbit Project

This month the rabbit project will be meeting at Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply on Saturday, March 31st from 12:00 – 2 p.m. Each 4-h'er can bring up to 2 rabbits for display and we will show the world how many different breeds of rabbits we have locally. Call Brenda at 284-6434 for more details.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Award Night:

The awards night for shooting sports will be held on Monday, March 26, 2007 at the River Rock Community Center. The Pot Luck dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the awards program will start at 7:00 p.m. The people with last names starting with A-M please bring a main dish and a salad to share. People with the last name starting with N-Z please bring a main dish and a dessert. Plates, cups, and tableware will be provided. Please plan to attend and support the shooters of Gallatin County. For more information contact Scott Francis at 284-6843.

2007 Western Region Shooting Sports State Workshop will be held in Dillon March 16-17. Registrations are due March 2. Contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 for the registration form.

Vet Science

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30 at Double Diamond Vet. Bring your project books. Please contact Shawna at 539-0895 if you have any questions.

Wildlife Project

Wildlife project members would like to invite all interested 4-H members to a coyote calling workshop on Friday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valley Bank of Belgrade meeting room in the basement. **Presenting the workshop will be a professional coyote caller from Judith Gap, MT.** Each member attending will be given a free coyote call. Come join the fun!!! Bring your Mom, Dad, and any other interested adults!!!



Japan for a Month?

Experience the Japanese culture first-hand when your family hosts a Japanese exchange student this summer. Sponsored by 4-H, in partnership with two Japanese Youth organizations (LEX and Labo), Montana will host 24 youth and two adult chaperones from July 21-August 19. Since 1972, over 43,000 families in North America have participated in this unique exchange program that offers host families and their delegates an in-depth cultural experience and the chance to form lifelong friendships. Japanese youth are matched with families who have children within two years of age as, and the same gender as the delegate they are hosting. Host families provide room and board for one month and a caring, loving household. Families need not plan special activities as the program emphasis is on experiencing everyday life in the United States, not to be here as a tourist. Delegates come with medical insurance and spending money and are eager to live, work and play with your family. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please contact your county Extension office, your Regional Coordinator (see attached list of coordinators) or Stephanie Davison at the 4-H Center for Youth Development – (406) 994-3502 or sdavison@montana.edu. Information is also available on the web at www.montana4h.org. Deadline: March 15, 2007. *(Ask about hosting a Finnish delegate, too!)*

High School Program:

Host a high-school student for a full year. Deadline: March 15, 2007. This year, Montana has two Japanese students coming and one student from a country in Eurasia. Host families do not need to have children of their own in order to host (although it is recommended) and families with children do not need to have children the same age as the delegate they host. High school delegates must attend a public high school, but in the past, delegates have stayed with home-school families while they attend the public school. The 4-H Center's International Programs Coordinator as well as Japanese and Russian speaking counselors are available throughout the exchange to assist families.

IFYE Program:

To date, we have two Austrian girls coming for six weeks as part of the IFYE Representative program. These IFYEs are older youth that come to the U.S. unchaperoned. Usually, IFYEs stay with a host family for three weeks and come to experience and learn about rural, American culture and farm practices. Contact your Regional Coordinator or 4-H Center if you are interested in this wonderful hosting experience.

Columbia Sheep Breeders Association Starter Flock Program

The purpose of the starter flock program is to help 4-H and FFA members start a purebred Columbia flock. Recipients receive four registered Columbian ewes donated by members of the Columbian Sheep Breeder Association. The flock must be maintained as a registered purebred flock for three years and only registered Columbian rams can be used for breeding during those three years. The recipient is responsible for all care of the flock and pays the Columbian Association the value of one 100-pound market lamb each year for three years. The recipient should also show the animals in their local fair and the junior show at the Montana Columbian show and sale. After three years, the flock and its' progeny become the sole property of the recipient to manage as they choose. Applicants must be 11 to 16 years of age. Applications are due May 1st. Contact the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for all the details and an application form.

Summer Fun in Bozeman

Summer Fun in Bozeman is returning to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds June 16th & 17th, 2007. Remember how much fun you had at the horse show last year? Well, this year we expect it to be even bigger and better. We have added classes for the “Colt to Maturity” participants which include: 1 & 2 year old halter, lunge line and Trail in Hand. **APHA** members - come show your paint horses in the APHA Specialty Show! We have reduced entry fees for 4-H members and many High Point awards to be awarded at the end of the show. Plan on attending the “Luau Dinner” on Saturday Night for good food and fun! We will be giving awards to the Clubs who collect the most items towards show prizes and/or monetary donations and program ads. All proceeds go directly to the Horse Committee for educational clinics and fair high points. So get out and collect donations and start working on your tan for the “**Summer Fun in Bozeman Open Horse Show**”! For more information contact Katie Cooper @ 388-1624 or Maria Jerome @ 388-0849 or any 4-H Horse Committee member.



Scholarships:

Attention Seniors!!! Are you thinking of college? Contact our office for these scholarship applications.



FRANK AND VERA DONEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Frank and Vera Doney Scholarship was established in December 2005 and will be available for distribution at the 2007 4-H Awards Banquet in September. This scholarship was made possible through a generous donation by Ellis and Bette Doney, Robert and Kathy Doney, and Arlene Doney Wepler in memory of Frank and Vera. Eligible applicants must be seniors in high school, enrolled in Gallatin County 4-H, and planning to study an agriculturally related major in higher education. Interested 4-H members may apply for the \$500 award through the county awards application process in July/August.

MONTANA AGRI-BUSINESS

Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member interested in a college education who has a special interest in Ag business. Montana Turkey Growers, a growers' cooperative that no longer exists, originally provided funds. Deadline: May 1

MONTANA MEAT PROCESSORS

The Montana Meat Processors Association (MMPA) has established an annual scholarship in cooperation with the Montana 4-H Foundation. This scholarship will assist an individual with an interest/background in meat science that will be attending a college or university. Deadline: May 1

MONTANA WHEAT & BARLEY COMMITTEE

In conjunction with the Montana Wheat & Barley Committee, this scholarship is offered to 4-H members who have done outstanding work in bread baking, or similar projects utilizing grains and grain products (such as use of grains with a livestock project), or project work in the crop science area. Deadline: May 1

DOUGLAS A. DEAR MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established as a memorial to Doug Dear, an instrumental contributor to the Montana 4-H Horse Program. The scholarship will assist an individual with an interest or background in the 4-H Horse Project who will be attending a college or university. Deadline: May 1

N.A. JACOBSEN

Applicant must be a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman who is interested in a career with the MSU Extension Service. Memorial funds given by family and friends of N.A. Jacobsen. Deadline: May 1

MURDOCH'S SCHOLARSHIP

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply has established a scholarship for Montana high school students who have demonstrated a dedication to 4-H and to the ideals of leadership, responsibility, and integrity. They will also be evaluated based on their academic achievement, their service and involvement with 4-H, and their contributions to community service. Deadline: May 1

NILE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Ten scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to applicants selected by NILE. Two of the 10 will be awarded in memory of NILE members, Diane Walborn and Carol Walter. Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) 2.5 or equivalent, must have participated in NILE activities, and/or be currently enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Program, and must be graduating high school senior planning to attend a two or four year college, university or vocational school in the year 2007. An application is available at the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office and is due in the NILE office no later than April 3, 2007.

4-H FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$500 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montana 4-H Foundation will award \$500 4-H scholarships to qualified youth throughout the state who participate in the "Brand an Animal for 4-H" program. By enrolling four producers in the program, they will receive a \$500 from the Montana 4-H Foundation to be used towards their 4-H project or trips and events such as State 4-H Congress, National 4-H Congress, Ambassador Fall Training or other 4-H related activities. MSU sophomore Kirsten Leonhardt branded one of her 2006 calves for the Foundation. Leonhardt, a sophomore at Montana State University (MSU), is an advocate of the 4-H program and was very involved during her 10 years as a 4-H member. She is an alumnus of the Montana 4-H program and was a State 4-H Ambassador Officer. "It was just one way that I could give back and help the Montana 4-H program," she said of her selfless contribution. "There's just no reason not to give it. Now, with the scholarship program, 4-H kids can earn the funds to start a new project or take a trip with 4-H. It's a great opportunity." For information on how youth can participate and earn a \$500 4-H scholarship, please call the Montana 4-H Foundation at 994-5911.



Youth Trapper Camp - June 8th-10th 2007

The 8th Annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 8th, 9th, and 10th in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre at the Jim and Fran Buell cabin site. The fee for the camp is \$40.00 per camper which includes adults. There is a \$20.00 scholarship available for the first 60 youth who send in their applications. Those under the age of 10 or with special needs must be accompanied by an adult. The camp is open to all youth. The fees include all meals, snacks, and drinks. The camp teaches ethical trapping methods, trapping rules and regulations, trap setting and fur handling. Adults are encouraged to attend. To request an application, contact Jim or Fran at 376-3178 or 7mbuell@ttc-cmc.net or visit the following site: www.montanatrappers.org.

American Cancer Society and 4-H

4-H youth are invited to the American Cancer Society's High School Leadership Relay Retreat which will be held at the Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch on March 24th and 25th. The Retreat is a \$20 overnight event hosted and organized by local high school students. It is an evening filled with games, skits, Luminaria ceremony, and food. In addition, youth will learn more about Relay for Life and the programs of the American Cancer Society. Those who attend will have the information and tools they need to start their own Relay for Life team. The youth retreat's mission is to educate high school students about the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life through education and leadership training; to encourage youth participation in Relay by promoting benefits of Relay for Life and highlighting the endless fun! This event begins at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 24th, 2007 through 2:00 pm Sunday, March 25, 2007. Youth Relay Retreat is located at the Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch. This location will provide a get away with great facilities and an energetic environment. The event is not sponsored by any religious affiliation. All high school students, parents, and administrators are invited attend. Registration packets must be received by March 2, 2007. The cost is \$20 and sponsorships and family discounts are available upon request. Contact the American Cancer Society at 256-7156 or Cindy.McGinnis@cancer.org to have a registration packet sent to you.

MIUSA International Exchange

MIUSA is currently accepting applications from young people with disabilities to take part in an international exchange program June 20 to July 5, 2007 to Costa Rica, entitled the US/Costa Rica: Youth Leadership and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Disability Rights Exchange Program. If you are a young person with a disability - or know someone who is - between the ages of 18-24, from a culturally diverse background and are an inexperienced international traveler we encourage you to apply. Travel with 12 other young leaders with disabilities, live with a host family, take part in a service learning project and practice Spanish through immersion! MIUSA exchange programs are inclusive of people with all types of disabilities, including people who are Deaf and hard of hearing, or have cognitive, visual, physical, psychiatric, systemic, non-apparent, or other types of disabilities. MIUSA will provide appropriate accommodations to each qualified participant with a disability, including ASL interpretation and alternative formats. Application materials can be found at www.miusa.org/exchange, or requested by e-mail at: exchange@miusa.org, or by Tel/TTY at: 541-343-1284. Generous scholarships are available. Application deadline is March 2, 2007. Late applications will be accepted as space permits. Application materials are available in alternative formats upon request. For more information, please contact: Jena Price, Program Specialist or Stefanie Gatchell, Program Assistant, Mobility International USA, 132 E. Broadway, Suite 343, Eugene, OR 97401. (541) 343-1284

Montana Conservation Corps

Do you want to do something that really matters? If yes, then join Montana Conservation Corps! As a member, you'll serve with a crew to get things done to make Montana a better place. Our mission is to help you gain job skills and a work ethic that will inspire you on a path of lifelong service. Get ready to have fun! Get ready for adventures in service with the MCC! You've answered the call to make the world a better place. Get ready to work hard and have the time of your life. This is greatest summer job you'll ever have! Explore Montana with the MCC and let your adventure begin! Commitment to your crew may be the single most important part of your MCC experience. It involves a very conscious decision to be part of a team, and to put the needs of your crew before your interests. In the end, this is the greatest challenge and reward. MCC service projects are diverse. You may build trails to ensure safe access to our public lands or fight noxious weeds or you may plant trees to improve stream habitat. Exploration and education are part of every project with readings, activities, recreation and talks from project sponsors. You'll make friends that will last a life time. The work you do will endure over generations to make a lasting impact on your national public lands. So grab a tool and let's get to work!



Montana YES Youth Corps—14 to 16 year olds: MontanaYES (Youth Engaged in Service) Youth Corps is a five-week, summer volunteer service experience for young adults, ages 14 to 16 old. YES participants work on community projects and week long out town projects in the back and front country. Youth Corps participants learn outdoor living skills, team work, job enhancement skills and are exposed to MCC's active citizen and conservation curriculum. More importantly, you will discover the value of volunteering in the community and take pride in your work. At the end of the five weeks, YES participants will receive a Presidential Volunteer Award and a monetary service award.

Montana YES Expedition—16 to 18 year olds: MontanaYES Expedition is a four-week, summer volunteer service experience for young adults ages 16 to 18 from across the state. For the entire four weeks, participants will be living, working and recreating with their crew. MontanaYES Expedition is more technically and physically challenging. Weekends are spent with the crew getting to know one another through recreation, education and exploration of the project and camping area. At the end of the four weeks, YES participants will receive a Presidential Award and a monetary service award in recognition of their volunteer service.

Visit www.mtcorgs.org or call 406-587-4475 for more information.

The Harlem Globetrotters

Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM, Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

YOU'RE INVITED! Your group is invited to enter the doors early to attend the PRE-GAME SESSION of GLOBETROTTER UNIVERSITY (enter south fieldhouse entrance). Doors open at 5:00 pm. The event begins at 5:30 pm. This is an exclusive opportunity to learn from some of these world-class athletes.

Pre-game events are open to groups, scouts and other sponsors and invited guests. We do not advertise these events to the public, however, anyone with a ticket who shows up at this time should be allowed into the venue.

90 minutes prior to gametime: Globetrotter University

Globetrotter University is a youth-oriented, character education/physical fitness program presented by Harlem Globetrotter players. They talk to kids about staying in school and stress the importance of cooperation, healthy mind and body, enthusiasm, etc. through the C.H.E.E.R. for Character program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education. They will also talk about the importance of physical activity through our partnership with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. In addition, there will be a brief history of the team, a skills demonstration involving some volunteers from the crowd, and finally, a question and answer session.

Post-game events are open to the public. **Immediately following the game:** Autograph Session.

As soon as the game is over, the entire team comes out to sign autographs for 30 minutes. Everyone in the arena is welcome to come down for autographs. Fans will have to bring their own items to be signed. This can get chaotic.

There is a special discounted 4-H price for tickets, save up to \$13 per ticket! Tickets for 4-H members are \$13.50 and need to be ordered. Contact the Extension office for the order form. Ticket orders must be postmarked by March 9, 2007.





Montana 4-H Foundation Announces "Super Raffle"

The Montana 4-H Foundation is conducting a 2007 "Super Raffle", with 4 great prizes available. Tickets are available for \$100 each, and no more than 1,000 tickets will be available. The drawing will take place October 13th, in Miles City during the Foundation's 2007 fundraising banquet.

Those who purchase tickets will have a chance to win:

A \$5,000 shopping spree at Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply.

An Arctic Cat 400 4x4 ATV, with automatic transmission.

A "Moly - Silencer Chute" – This automated hydraulic chute.

A Husqvarna "Platinum Plus" sewing machine.

For more information or to reserve raffle tickets, call (406) 994-5911.

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

April 20-22, 2007, Gallatin County Fair Grounds

Cost: \$75 per participant

Lodging: Holiday Inn Bozeman

Registration Due Date: March 30, 2007, will be available soon at the Gallatin County Extension Office and will be available online at www.gallatinextension.org.



The schedule is packed full with exciting activities for both youth and adult participants beginning Friday evening at 7:00 pm with registration and a motivating opening session at the Gallatin County Fair Grounds. Saturday will be filled with lots of opportunities to learn tips and tricks in a variety of different hands-on workshops. There will be a banquet and dance Saturday evening to celebrate another great Rec Lab. The event will close on Sunday morning at approximately 11:00 am after an inspiring reflection and exchange of ideas. A more detailed schedule including workshop descriptions will be made available as we get closer to the event. Learn tips and tricks for creating magical moments in your club, community, and county.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

This is your first step toward becoming a Jr. Leader and Camp Counselor Note: Last Years CIT's must reapply. Due to limited space available for CIT's at 4-H Camp, only the most qualified applicants will be selected. Those not selected may still come to camp, but as a camper, not a CIT. The Counselor in Training (CIT) will carry out the same responsibilities as the Counselor; however, they will work with a Counselor. The Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors in Training, Camp Manager, and the County Extension Agent. All are responsible for selecting the program topics, and arranging the speakers, equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each Counselor and CIT will be responsible for specific responsibilities in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. As part of the Leadership Team, the Counselor and CIT shares in the overall responsibility for the success of camp – the learning, safety, and fun. If you are interested in becoming a CIT, you must have completed the 8th grade by the date of camp. You must also turn in a completed application to Gallatin County 4-H by **April 27, 2007**. Selections will be made within a few weeks after the deadline. **Pick up your application at the 4-H Office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center).**

MacKenzie River Pizza will Donate a portion of your bill to 4-H. Clip this coupon and bring it with you to MacKenzie River Pizza on March 13, 2007



4-H Night Coupon

Earn Money for Gallatin County 4-H while having a great meal!

MacKenzie River Pizza Co. and **Gallatin County 4-H** invite you to dinner on March 13th 2007. Order your favorite pizzas, pastas, sandwiches or salads for the family and **Gallatin County 4-H** will receive a 20% donation from MacKenzie River Pizza Company. Present this coupon when settling your bill to ensure Gallatin County **4-H** receives your contribution!

Applies to Dine-In, Delivery, and Take-Out orders

Excludes beer and wine sales

Offer not valid on any other day than designated event date

Offer only valid at the Belgrade location.

Attention 4-H Leaders and Members: Decorate a Piggy Bank

A Piggy Bank Contest for three age categories (5 - 8, 9 - 13, 14 - 18) is being sponsored by the First Interstate Bank System Foundation during the Montana Financial Education Coalition Conference on April 10 - 11, 2007. Cash prizes will be awarded in each of the three age categories : 1st place, \$100; second place, \$75; and third place, \$50. All entries will be judged by popular votes of the MFEC Conference attendees. Contestants will have the option of donating their banks to the Silent Auction that will be held during the conference with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House in Billings. Contestants can deliver their banks to any First Interstate Bank in Montana by March 16th. If you don't have First Interstate Bank, other local banks and credit unions are being asked to arrange for delivery of entries by their local youth. This is a chance for your 4-H youth to show their creativity. Questions, contact Kelly Bruggeman or Lisa Knutson at First Interstate Foundation 406-255-5024.

Tell Us Your 4-H Story

The NAE-4HA Public Relations & Information Committee is compiling a book of 4-H Stories and wants you to share your 4-H Story! **Submission Guidelines for your 4-H Story:**

1. Think about a time when you were "touched" or "moved" by an interaction between a 4-H member and a volunteer or staff member. How about a funny story that happened at 4-H camp, the county fair, a 4-H meeting or on a 4-H trip.
2. Tell your story in a way that will make the reader feel an emotion; happiness, sadness, joy, or inspiration.
3. The story should start with action, include a problem, issue or situation. Make sure to introduce your characters. The story should end in a result, lesson learned, positive change or payoff.
4. Most importantly—let it come from your heart! Your story is important! We are hoping to collect stories from all 50 states!

5. For additional submission ideas, visit the "Chicken Soup for the Soul®" web site at www.chickensoup.com

Submission Criteria: Maximum of three double spaced pages, 12 point Times New Roman font, one inch margins all around, in a Word document. Include your contact information including name, phone, email address and setting of the story (approximate year). Selected stories may be edited for length and content. Stories not selected will be preserved for possible future use or published in an on-line format. Anonymous contributions will not be considered. Submit your story for consideration to dtabler@umd.edu by **June 1, 2007**.

Ag Communications Scholarship

Agricultural communicators serve to provide producers with the information they need to be successful on the farm or ranch. Whether listening to the radio while feeding, flipping through the paper at the end of a long day in the tractor, or watching the ag report on television, producers depend on ag communicators to bring up-to-date, accurate industry news to the end of every dirt road. Recognizing the importance of keeping youth in agriculture and that the best ag communicators have rural roots and understand the industry on a personal level, Stockman Bank, Agri-News, Western Livestock Reporter, and Northern Ag Network are again teaming up to offer scholarships to youths planning to pursue an education in ag communications. The first place applicant will be awarded \$2,500; second place applicant, \$1,500; and third place applicant, \$500. The application deadline is April 15, 2007. Find all criteria and an application online at www.cattleplus.com

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

May 1st Drop/Adds Due: May 1st is the last day to drop or add projects. 4-Hers must be enrolled in a project to participate at the Summer Fair. If you have been working in a project area, make sure you are enrolled in that project. If not, you will need to add it to your enrollment. Contact our office at 388-3213 to make sure.

Fair deadlines: Summer Fair is July 18-22. Entry deadline for fair is **June 29**, late entries will be accepted with a late fee from June 30 to July 9th. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 9TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Wild West Winterfest Poultry Show Results 2007

Standard Clean Legged: Best of Class – Clare Cory – Barred Rock Hen, Reserve of Class – Teri Martindale – Americana Hen, Red Ribbon – Clare Cory – Americana Hen

Standard Continental/Mediterranean: Best of Class – Teri Martindale – Andalusian Hen, Reserve of Class – Emma Treut – Hamburg Hen, Blue Ribbon – Jerry Townsend – Lakenvelder Hen, Red Ribbon – Martin Townsend – Australorp Hen

Standard Feather Legged: Best of Class – Teri Martindale – Cochin Hen

Standard Crested: Best of Class – Emma Treut – Polish Hen

Bantam Clean Legged: Best of Class – Sarah Phipps – Old English Hen, Reserve of Class – Jake Traucht – White Rock Hen, Blue Ribbon – Annie Lombardi – Japanese Cock, Annie Lombardi – Japanese Hen, Sarah Phipps – Old English Hen, Jerry Townsend – D’Anver Hen, Jake Traucht – White Rock Hen

Bantam Feather Legged: Best of Class – Sarah Phipps – Cochin Hen, Reserve of Class – Martin Townsend – Brahma Hen, Blue Ribbon – Jerry Townsend – Millie Fleur Hen, Red Ribbon – Martin Townsend – Brahma Cock

Bantam Crested: Best of Class – Sydney Heckel – Silkie Hen, Reserve of Class – Mikayla Lombardi – Silkie Hen, Blue Ribbon – Theresa Lombardi – Silkie Hen, Theresa Lombardi – Silkie Cock, Red Ribbon – Theresa Lombardi – Silkie Hen

Best Male – Annie Lombardi – Japanese Cock, **Reserve Male** – Theresa Lombardi – Silkie Cock

Best Female – Sarah Phipps – Old English Hen, **Reserve Female** – Emma Treut – Polish Hen

Best Bantam – Sarah Phipps – Cochin Hen, **Reserve Bantam** – Sarah Phipps – Old English

Best Standard – Teri Martindale – Andalusian Hen, **Reserve Standard** – Teri Martindale – Cochin Hen

Best of Show – Sarah Phipps – Cochin Hen, **Reserve of Show** – Teri Martindale – Andalusian Hen

Senior Showmanship: Grand Champion – Sydney Heckel, Reserve Champion – Martin Townsend, Blue Ribbon – Theresa Lombardi

Intermediate Showmanship: Grand Champion – Jake Traucht, Reserve Champion – Sarah Phipps, Blue Ribbon – Annie Lombardi, Jerry Townsend, Emma Treut, Harlie Riddle

Beginning Showmanship: Grand Champion – Zack Hook, Reserve Champion – Baylee Stratton, Blue Ribbon – Eli Kutsch, Mickayla Lombardi

Young women invited to explore careers in natural resources

A recent straw poll of western universities indicates that women comprise 60 percent of the enrollment in natural resources classes, yet it remains a largely male-dominated field. Teton Science Schools hopes to help more young women discover the potential for careers in this growing arena through a weeklong, hands-on program in June. Through the program, Young Women in Natural Resources, a dozen high school women will have the opportunity for face-to-face interaction with professional women who work in a range of positions within natural resources, ranging from biologists, ecologists and ranchers to attorneys and directors of conservation organizations and agencies. They will experience the day-to-day workplace and participate in frank discussions about the benefits, challenges and preparation for a career in natural resources. Participants will also have the opportunity to enjoy some of the recreational activities around Jackson, including rafting on the Snake River and an evening at the local rodeo. The program will be held June 17-22 at Teton Science Schools' Jackson campus. Cost is \$150 per student, which includes all meals, program materials, activities and lodging. Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Funding support for the program has been provided by Equipoise Fund and Wyoming Women's Foundation. More detailed information, along with registration forms, is available on the Teton Science Schools' website at www.tetonscience.org/ed_summer_youth.shtml. You may also contact Brenda Younkin at 307-734-8725 x 1110 for more information. Space is limited; registration for the program closes April 15.

Teton Science Schools were founded in 1967 to educate, train and inspire students of all ages about the natural world. The schools have a reputation as an innovative environmental education center, and their programs serve as models worldwide. Teton Science Schools are a private 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization, operating year-round in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in partnership with Grand Teton National Park and as permittees of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Teton Science Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, creed or sexual orientation in any of its policies or programs

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
February 13, 2007
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**



CALL TO ORDER: 6:40pm by President, Kathy Cheney.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Kathy Cheney, Chris Phipps, Kelley Phipps, Betsy Heckel, Naomi Woienski, Todd Kesner, and Leia Miller. Guests present were Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Betsy moved, seconded by Kelley, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you was received from Sally Shae on behalf of the Saddle Star 4-H Club for the scholarship money received. A thank you from Brenda Townsend was received for sponsoring the Bar J Wranglers. A thank you from Leia, Meagan, and Miles Miller was received for funds received to attend the Legislative Breakfast. A thank you from JP was received for the Gallatin County representatives at the legislative Breakfast.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Naomi moved, seconded by Betsy, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMITTEE AND LEADER REPORTS:

- Christmas Tree Globes: A thank you letter was received from Audrey Hartzell for sponsoring the Montana State Tree.
- Bar J Wranglers: We have cleared approximately \$5,322.25, with 900 tickets sold.
- Legislative Breakfast: Leia, Miles, Meagan, and Kathy spoke of the great experience they had with the legislatures.
- Horse Judging Project: Lizzy Brewster presented how the project did at their first Horse Judging Contest in Dillon. As a team, they placed first in the Junior Division, as well as a first and second placing in the Individual Junior Division.
- Card Fundraiser: We will not be doing this fundraiser, as there was no interest.
- Film Project: The first meeting was this past Sunday. The leaders of this project were very impressed with the team from Gallatin County.
- Pat Stackhouse: Pat received the National Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award. She will now be headed to Washington, DC.
- Willow Creek Classic: Todd will be checking into scheduling this for June 9-10, 2007 at Canyon Ferry.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Demo Day: Todd will check into scheduling the Belgrade Middle School on April 10, 2007 for members 14 and older, and April 12, 2007 for members 13 and under. Leia will check with MYO, Todd will check with MacKenzie River Pizza, Betsy will check with Bridger Bowl, and Kathy will check with the movie theaters to see if they are willing to donate prizes.
- Bar J Wranglers: Naomi moved, seconded by Chris, to sponsor the Bar J Wranglers on January 19, 2008 if available. Motion carried.
- Ice Machine: The agreement and fees charged for use of our ice machine at the Fair Grounds has been difficult to manage. The Fair Grounds offered to pay us \$1,600.00 to purchase it from us. Betsy moved, seconded by Naomi, that we sell the ice machine to the Fair Grounds, have the \$1,600.00 applied to our outstanding debt with the Fair Grounds, and with the stipulation that if we get Building 4 for concessions, we to be allowed to use the ice machine free of charge. Motion carried.
- Club Start-up Request: Naomi moved, seconded by Kathy, that we give the Ropin' Wranglers a start-up kit. Motion carried.
- Bookkeeper: The current bookkeeper situation is no longer working out, and Todd suggested we look for a new bookkeeper. Leia moved, seconded by Naomi, to elect Kelley Phipps as the new bookkeeper and to offer her a stipend. Motion carried.
- MacKenzie River Fundraiser: Our server for the night presented us with something new MacKenzie River has started. They would offer us a coupon that when presented, would allow 20% of the purchase to be donated to 4-H up to twice a year. Kelley moved, seconded by Leia, that we go ahead with this fundraiser, and set March 13, 2007, and August 14, 2007 as the date for this fundraiser. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 12, 2007 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- March 13, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- March 31, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Grant Application Deadline
- April 26, 2007 ~ Foundation Spring Meeting

ADJOURNED: Betsy moved, seconded by Naomi, that we adjourn at 8:35pm. Motion carried.

Secretary: Leia Miller/klp

Public Demonstration Day
Tuesday, April 10, 2007 (4-H ages 14 & up)
Thursday, April 12, 2007 (4-H ages 13 & under)
Belgrade Middle School
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
No applications accepted after March 31, 2006

Why should I participate in Public Presentation Day?

- It's a time to practice speaking skills in a learning environment.
- Everyone receives a ribbon. Purple ribbon seniors are awarded a trip to Montana 4-H Congress held at MSU in July.
- The club with the highest percentage of participants receives an award.
- It's fun to show what you can do and watch and learn from others.

Please fill out the registration form below and mail it to:
Gallatin County MSU Extension, 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade, MT 59714.
Additional forms and information can also be picked up from the Extension Office at 388-3213.

Registration Form
for
Public Presentation Day
Tuesday, April 10th & Thursday, April 12th

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____, MT Zip _____

Club _____ Year in 4-H _____

Age _____ (as of 10/1/06) Birthday ____/____/____

Number of previous presentations given at the county level _____

Division:

1. _____ Senior (14 years and older) – Tuesday evening
2. _____ Intermediate (11-13 years) – Tuesday evening
3. _____ Junior (9-10 years) – Thursday evening
4. _____ Cloverbud (6-8 years, non-competitive) Thurs evening

TIME
PREFERENCE (x)

_____ 5:30
_____ 5:45
_____ 6:00
_____ 6:15
_____ 6:30
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_____ 7:00
_____ 7:15
_____ 7:30
_____ 7:45
_____ 8:00

Type of Presentation

- A. _____ Demo/Illustrated Talk (open to all age groups)
- B. _____ Speech (open to Intermediate and Seniors)

Title of Presentation

March 2007

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2007 Murdoch's 4-H Discount Cards

Just a reminder that the 2007 Murdoch's 4-H Discount Cards are available at the store. Please swing in and swap out your 2006 card for their new 2007 card.



As many of you may have heard, 17-year-old 4-H member Katie Holland was seriously injured in a machinery accident on Monday and was flown to Seattle for medical treatment. Doctors there have placed her under the best medical care. At this time, Katie is in intensive care and cannot receive cards or letters, but you may drop them off at Four Corner Saddlery or the Extension Office and we will forward everything to her the minute it's permitted. This is going to be a long recovery for Katie and the Holland Family and we all ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.